
**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 3, 2008
MINUTES**

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

The Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the downtown offices in Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

Committee Members Present

Supervisor Yvonne Burke	Immediate Past President
Councilmember Richard Dixon	1 st Vice President
Councilmember Harry Baldwin	2 nd Vice President
Councilmember Debbie Cook	Chair, EEC
Mayor Jon Edney	Chair, CEHD
Councilmember Alan Wapner	Chair, TCC
Mayor Ron Loveridge	Chair, Administration Committee

Members not Present

Supervisor Gary Ovitt	President
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Staff Present

Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Joe Burton, Chief Counsel
Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy
Brian Williams, Director, Governmental Affairs
Don Rhodes, Manager, Legislative Affairs
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant
Judy Owens, Sr. Administrative Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dixon at 8:03 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Discussion/Approval Items

3.1 Minutes of Dec. 6, 2007 Meeting

A motion was made (Cook) to approve the consent calendar items. Motion was SECONDED (Wapner) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.2 Update on Lease of SCAG Offices

Jim Gosnell reported that the lease discussions were postponed at the Executive Committee request. The consensus of the members was to post pone discussions for one week.

4.0 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

4.1 Update on SB 375

Brian Williams, Director, Government Affairs, gave an update on SB 375. He stated that there were several issues surrounding SB 375. The legislation will not be acted upon until the end of the session. SCAG staff will continue to monitor the bill and develop an aggressive strategy. Mayor Loveridge felt that SCAG should design an aggressive plan for strategically dealing with key legislations as well as ensuring that its voice is heard in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

4.2 Update on Bond Program

Don Rhodes, Manager, Legislative Affairs, stated that Proposition 1B provided for \$2 billion statewide in a Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) for infrastructure improvements along corridors that have a high volume of freight movement. The measure provides that these funds be allocated by the legislature.

Mr. Rhodes reported that the initial months of the 2007-08 legislative session saw legislation, such as Senator Alan Lowenthal's Senate Bill 9, to allocate funds for goods movement and related improvement for air quality. That legislation remains in process.

During the fall of 2007 the California Transportation Commission (CTC) was directed by Dale Bonner, Secretary of the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to adopt a program for goods movement priorities to enable the Administration to include a proposal as part of the Governor's FY 2008-09 budget proposal. The CTC adopted its Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF) guidelines on November 27, 2007, which means the proposal will probably be added in the Governor's May revision to the budget.

The CTC proposes an additional \$1 billion to come from the State Highway Account and other potential new funding sources.

SCAG and the transportation commissions in the region will continue to pursue appropriate allocation of the TCIF funds.

The Executive Committee directed staff to continue meeting with the CEOs of the commissions as well as continue discussion with the state commissions on the allocation issue. Staff was also directed to come back with draft a set of actions and recommendations at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

5.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

5.1 Appointments

Hon. Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake, was appointed to the CEHD committee.

6.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's report was emailed to the Regional Council. No oral report was given.

7.0 CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Colin Lennard, General Counsel, announced that pursuant to Government Code 54957(b) the Executive Committee would enter into closed session. A motion was made (Cook) to enter into closed session. Motion was SECONDED (Baldwin) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

7.1 Public Employment (pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)) Title: Executive Director


After returning from closed session, Colin Lennard, General Counsel, reported that there was no final action and there was nothing further to report.

7.2 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)) City of La Mirada v. SCAG; City of Irvine v. SCAG; and City of Palmdale v. SCAG

The Executive Committee did not meet in closed session to discuss the above matter.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Executive Committee was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.


Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director